

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A wire press-contact method for connecting wires and press-contact blades of press-contact terminals to each other by press-fitting said wires into said press-contact blades of said press-contact terminals, said method comprising the steps of:

setting press-contact terminals in terminal fitting groove portions provided in a receiving jig, each of which permits an entire longitudinal length of a corresponding one of said press-contact terminals to be fitted thereinto, in a fitted state;

placing, after setting said press-contact terminals therein, a wire correspondingly to a position located above a press-contact blade of each of said press-contact terminals; and

thereafter press-fitting said wire into a corresponding one of said press-contact blades by driving a press-contact head, which is enabled to be ascendably and descendably driven, in such a way as to ascend and descend.

2. (Original) The wire press-contact method according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of said terminal fitting groove portions are placed in a parallel state in said receiving jig, wherein after press-contact terminals are respectively set in a fitted state into said terminal fitting groove portions, wires are serially placed corresponding to positions located above said press-contact blades, and wherein said placed wires are respectively and sequentially press-fitted into said press-contact blades by driving a press-contact head, which is enabled to be ascendably and descendably driven, in such a way as to ascend and descend.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Withdrawn) A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-

21 contact method according to claim 2, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby to be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing.
